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NAVAL ACTIVITY  
HAI PHONG, NORTH VIETNAM  
2051N 10641E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE OF "P-6" CLASS MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS (PT) IN HAI PHONG HARBOR. IT ALSO REVEALS A LARGE NAVAL ORDER OF BATTLE INCLUDING SEVEN "SWATOW" CLASS MOTOR GUNBOATS (PGM), SIX OF WHICH HAVE BEEN MODIFIED.

2. LOCATION:

THE PORT FACILITIES ARE LOCATED ON THE NORTH EDGE OF HAI PHONG ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE CUA CAM (STREAM DISTRIBUTARY).

3. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS

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THE FOLLOWING NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE CUA CAM BETWEEN UTM XJ756080, AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHARVES, AND UTM XJ749079, AT THE MOUTH OF THE SONG TRAM BAC: THREE "P-6" CLASS MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS, ONE "P-4" CLASS MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT, AND SEVEN "SWATOW" CLASS MOTOR GUNBOATS. SIX OF THE "SWATOW" CLASS MOTOR GUNBOATS ARE APPARENTLY MODIFIED, HAVING TWO LIGHT MACHINE GUN MOUNTS AHEADSHIP AND ABAFT OF THE BRIDGE. THE REMAINING "SWATOW" CLASS PGM HAS HAD THE ARMAMENT STRIPPED FROM ITS TOPSIDE POSITIONS AND THE COVER TO THE ENGINE SPACES HAS BEEN REMOVED. IT MAY BE THAT THIS PGM IS BEING CANNIBALIZED FOR NEEDED SPARE PARTS. OTHER VESSELS ANNOTATED ON GRAPHIC ARE FIVE "SL-1" CLASS SMALL LOGISTICS

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SHIPS, AND AN LCM.

4. BACKGROUND:

A. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE "P-6" CLASS PT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED ON PHOTOGRAPHY IN NORTH VIETNAM.

B. MODIFIED "SWATOW" CLASS PGMS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED BEFORE IN NORTH VIETNAM.

C. [REDACTED] TWO CAMOUFLAGED "S.O.-1" CLASS SUBMARINE CHASERS (SC) AND TWO "SWATOW" CLASS MOTOR GUNBOATS WERE SEEN APPROXIMATELY 2.3 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF THIS POINT.

D. [REDACTED] AN "S.O.-1" CLASS SC WITH MINOR CHANGES TOPSIDE WAS LOCATED AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHARVES.

E. "SL-1" CLASS SMALL LOGISTICS SHIPS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN TWO PLACES IN NORTH VIETNAM IN RECENT WEEKS (HAI PHONG AND 10 NM SOUTHEAST OF KEP STORAGE AREA). IT IS KNOWN THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE SIXTEEN OF THESE. THE NUMBER REPORTED NEAR HAI PHONG AND THE KEP STORAGE AREA DIFFERS FROM MISSION TO MISSION, INDICATING THAT THE SHIPS ARE POSSIBLY BEING USED TO TRANSPORT GOODS TO OR FROM HAI PHONG.

[REDACTED]  
ALL UTMS ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L7014 SHEET 6350 IV.

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